

As a below named joint inventor, each of us hereby declares as follows:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am an original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ANALYZING A FLUID SAMPLE

the specification of which was filed on May 30, 2000 as United States Application Number 09/583,807. I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

This application [in part] discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in my earlier filed provisional application Ser. No. 60/136,703 filed May 28, 1999 of which I claim the benefit under 35 USC §120 [or 119(e)].

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information of which I am aware that is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56(a), including material information which occurred between the filing date of said prior application and the filing date of this [continuation-in-part] application, insofar as the subject matter of the claims is not disclosed in said prior application in the manner provided by 35 USC §112, first paragraph.

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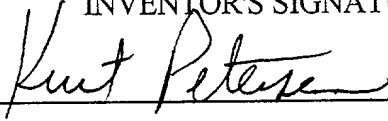
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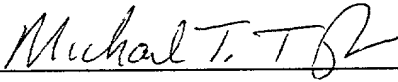
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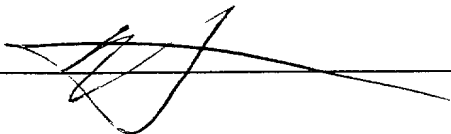
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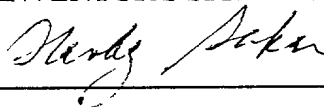
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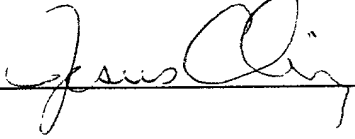
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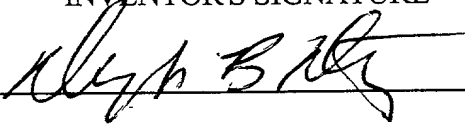
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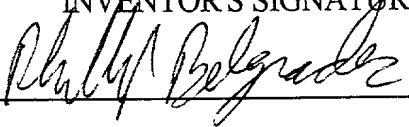
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